

attaching the fastener to an inner surface of the first panel near a longitudinal edge thereof opposite the longitudinal bottom [fold];

sealing the first and second panels to each other at spaced seals transverse to the longitudinal direction to form the packages;

filling each package with a product via a fill opening between the fastener and the second panel; and

attaching the fastener to an inner surface of the second panel to seal the fill opening.

Please add new claims 62-68.

10 --62. The method of claim 61, wherein said bottom includes a gusset.

11 63. A method of filling a package, comprising:

providing a package including two panels defining a mouth portion and a reclosable fastener that is useful for opening and closing said mouth portion after said package is filled, said fastener having a final attachment position on said two panels and being attached to said two panels along only a portion of said final attachment position so as to define a fill opening;

filling said package with a product through said fill opening; and
attaching said fastener to said panels along the entirety of said final attachment position.

64. The method of claim 63, wherein said package includes a bottom with a gusset.

65. The method of claim 63, wherein said fastener includes a first interlocking profile with a first fin and second interlocking profile with a second fin.

66. The method of claim 65, wherein said first and second fins are joined along a breakable area of weakness.